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Rome, December 31.

ON the 24th in the Evening being Chriſtmas-Eve, the Pope preceeded by 24 Cardinals, went to the Chappel in the Palace of the Quirinal, where he began the Veſpers: After which ſeveral of the Cardinals, with the Conſtable Colonna and the two Princes of Bavaria went to the great Hall of that Palace, to hear a Paſtoral performed by a Conſort of the beſt Voices and Inſtruments that could be procured: In the mean Time a very ſumptuous and ſplendid Collation was placed on the Table; and when Supper was over their Eminencies returned to the Chappel, and ſtaid till the Midnight-Maſs was ſung by Cardinal Priuli, who officiated for Cardinal Spinola the Pope's Chamberlain. The next Day, the Pope preceeded by 30 Cardinals, and other numerous Repreſentatives of the whole Eccleſiaſtical Hierarchy, was carried in his Chair with great Pomp to Chappel, where he officiated at Maſs, and performed the Ceremony of bleſſing the Sword and Hat, which the Popes are uſed annually to ſend for Preſents to Perſons of great Diſtinction, as a Reward of the Valour exerted by them in the Service of Chriſtendom and of the Holy See. On the 26th a Congregation was held, concerning the Paſſage of the Imperial Troops through the Eccleſiaſtical Territories. The German Garriſon of Comacchio has been conſiderably reinforced. The 29th being the Feſtival of St. Thomas à Becket, Archbiſhop of Canterbury, the Cardinals and Prelates of the Congregation of Eccleſiaſtical Immunity held a Chappel in the Church of the Engliſh Nation dedicated to that Saint. Yeſterday Morning the Congregation de Propaganda Fide met at the Palace of Cardinal Sacripante their Preſident, and had a long Conference with Cardinal Albani, about the Inſtructions to be given to the Apoſtolical Miſſionaries who are to be ſent to China. The Pope has made a Grant to the Republick of Venice of 500000 Ducats to be levied on the Clergy in their Dominions, towards the Charge they are obliged to be at for repairing the Damage done by the Lightning at Corfu. We have an Account from Ferrara, that on the 20th at Night a Fire which firſt broke out in the Vice-Legate's Kitchen, conſumed his and the neighbouring Houſes; that four Perſons who worked to extinguiſh the Fire periſhed; and that the Damage is computed at 200000 Crowns.

Venice, Jan. 6. The Procurator Ruzzini is getting his Equipage ready, and will ſhortly ſet out on his Ambaſſy to the Ottoman Porte. The Senate has nominated Sig. Franciſco Grimani, to go Ambaſſadour Extraordinary to the King of Great Britain. Sig. Fiorelli Secretary from this Republick to the Britiſh Court, is appointed to go and reſide at Naples, in the Room of Sig. Alberti who is recalled. We have Advice that a Marriage is concluded between the Prince of Darmſtad Governour of Mantua, and the Princeſs Eleanora of Guaſtalla, Widow of the late Cardinal Duke Francis de Medicis. On Sunday laſt ſolemn